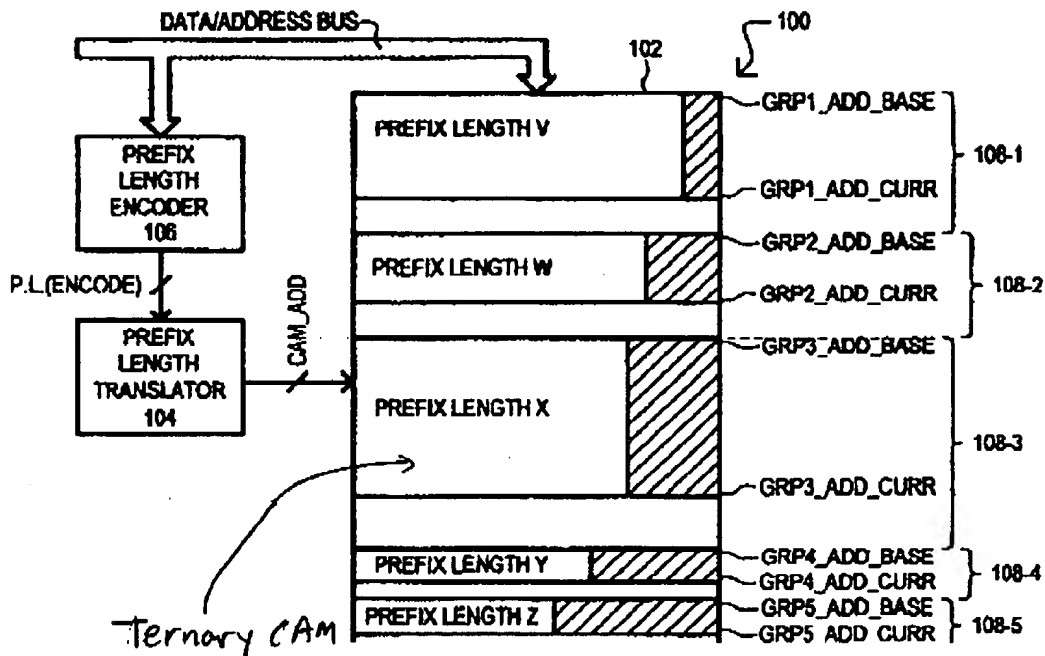


FIG. 1

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Ramankutty teaches a ternary CAM array in which each row stores a data value and a mask value. See col. 5, lines 20-34.

In contrast, Applicant 09/829,355 disclosed a binary CAM array in which each group of rows of binary CAM cells has a group global mask that stores a mask pattern indicating priority.